



## PURPOSE

The National Invasive Species Council was established under Presidential Executive Orders 13112 and 13751. Its purpose is to provide the vision and national leadership necessary to coordinate, sustain, and expand federal efforts to safeguard the interests of the United States through the prevention, eradication, and control of invasive species, and through the restoration of ecosystems and other assets impacted by invasive species.

## ROLES *and* RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council itself is made up of the Secretaries/Administrators of the Departments to the left. Work of the Council is delegated as follows:

**Co-Chairs:** The Council is co-chaired by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Commerce.

**Principals:** Council members may designate a senior-level official to perform their functions. These Principals are responsible for oversight and approval of their agency's positions, submissions, and engagement with regard to Council activities, as well as for overseeing their agency Senior Advisers.

**Senior Advisers:** Council members may designate a Senior Adviser to liaise and work with Council staff and other Senior Advisers on the day-to-day implementation of Council priorities. Senior Advisers should have the ability to work across offices within their parent agency to provide guidance, identify priorities, disseminate information, collate input, and facilitate communications with programmatic and technical staff. They will serve as a principal point of contact for communications and inquiries coming through other Council member representatives.

**Council Staff:** The Council is supported by a staff who maintain a whole-of-government awareness on the invasive species issue. They facilitate strategic planning across federal agencies on priority invasive species issues that would benefit from interagency or intergovernmental collaboration, national or regional-level programmatic development, and coordination. Council staff also coordinate implementation of Annual Work Plans and related operations and directives of the Council and its representatives.

## ANNUAL WORK PLANS

- Facilitate the institutional leadership and priority setting by Council members
- Achieve effective interagency coordination and cost-efficiency
- Raise awareness and motivate action
- Remove institutional and policy barriers
- Assess and strengthen capacities
- Foster scientific, technical, and programmatic innovation



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## 2020 ANNUAL WORK PLAN

### CORE COORDINATING ACTIVITIES

- Coordinate regular updates to and meetings of the Council and Senior Advisors
- Coordinate with other relevant federal interagency committees
- Facilitate engagement with non-federal stakeholders
- Organize and convene webinars and workshops on NISC priority topics
- Facilitate information sharing and promote nationally significant, emerging collaborative efforts
- Convene and coordinate task teams as needed
- Maintain the Council’s online presence and help organize, provide, and/or coordinate content with other federal invasive species websites
- Respond to requests for assistance from Council members

### 2020 Thematic Priority Activities

#### *Rapid Response – Tools and Lessons Learned*

Support national level rapid response efforts by documenting tools and lessons learned.

#### *Rapid Response – Emergency Funding*

Increase resource streams for rapid response to new detections of invasive species.



#### *eDNA Assessment and Coordination*

Help federal invasive species management efforts more fully and effectively utilize eDNA.

#### *Invasive Species and Wildland Fire*



Assess options to advance landscape scale approaches to the management of invasive species and wildland fire.



#### *Advanced Biotechnology Applications*

Facilitate communication and information sharing across federal agencies on the use of advanced biotechnologies relevant to the management of invasive species.

#### *Crosscut Budget Assessments Inventory and Analysis*



Maintain inventory of federal spending on invasive species and identify means to enhance the value of interagency coordination on budgetary issues.